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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: Examiner Chen

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is to the telephone call from Examiner Chen on November 9, 2002 wherein he stated that claims 1-15 have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 1-6 are said to be drawn to a product of a pressure sensitive adhesive cover tape with electrically conductive covering, classified in Class 206, subclass (unknown); and

II. Claims 7-15 are said to be drawn to a separate product of a carrier tape to accommodate electronic components having an electrically conductive coating from the first product, classified in Class 206, subclass (unknown).

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Applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-6) with traverse, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement.

Applicants submit the Groups I and II claims are not related as intermediate and final products but are actually a cover tape which is capable of being sold separately and a carrier tape which uses a cover tape to close each individual indentation, a search of one group of claims will reveal art to the other. Moreover, the classification of Groups I and II claims in a similar class is not sufficient grounds to require restriction.

Should the Examiner maintain the restriction requirement, Applicants request that the characterization of the two groups be amended.

The Applicants believe that no fees are necessary in relation with the filing of the present communication. If the Applicants are mistaken, the Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to deduct any additionally required fees from or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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